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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application.

AA United States Patent No. 5,279,282
AB United States Patent No. 3,387,604
AL PCT Application WO 95/24159
AM DE 37 39 390 A1
AN FR 2 669 248

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

References AL and AM were identified at page 1 of the substitute specification. A complete English translation of Reference AM is not readily available to the Applicants, however, in addition to the statements in the specification concerning that reference, the copy of Reference AM submitted herewith has an English language abstract attached thereto.

References AL and AM also were cited in a Search Report rendered by the German Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the counterpart German

application, together References AB, AN and the German counterpart to Reference AA.

A translation of Reference AN is not readily available to the Applicants, however, an English language abstract is attached thereto.

Copies of References AL, AM and An are submitted herewith, together with Form 1449 on which all of the references are listed.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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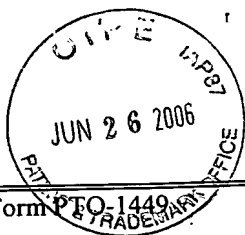
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